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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/535,156; Filed: May 16, 2005
For: **Methods for Diagnosing the Presence or Stage of Cancer**
Inventors: NEPVEU *et al.*
Our Ref: 1619.0210000/JAG/CMB

Sir:

In reply to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," dated December 12, 2005, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Declaration for Patent Application;
4. Written Assertion of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3) Nonprofit Organization;
5. Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g);
6. Computer readable copy of Sequence Listing;
7. Information Disclosure Statement Filing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
8. Form PTO/SB/08B listing documents (C1-C62) and enclosing documents (C1-C62);

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9. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$290.00 to cover:

\$ 225.00 Two Month Extension;
\$ 65.00 Late Declaration Surcharge;
\$ 100.00 Claim Fee (4 Independent claims); and

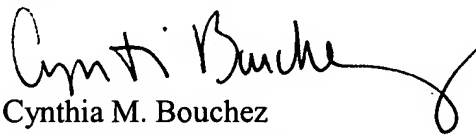
10. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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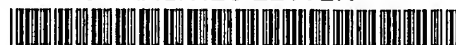
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/16/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/16/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 05/16/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 05/16/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 05/16/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/16/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/16/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/16/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$100** as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$100** for a Small Entity:

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- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 100
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Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

- For Rules Interpretation, call (571) 272-0951
- For Patentin Software Program Help, call Patent EBC at 1-866-217-9197 or directly at 703-305-3028 / 703-308-6845 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, EST.
- Send e-mail correspondence for Patentin Software Program Help @ ebc@uspto.gov

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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